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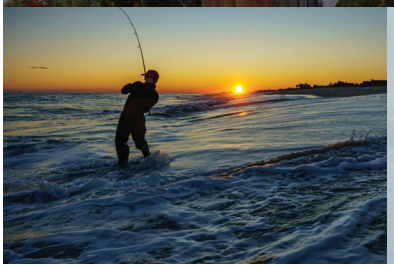

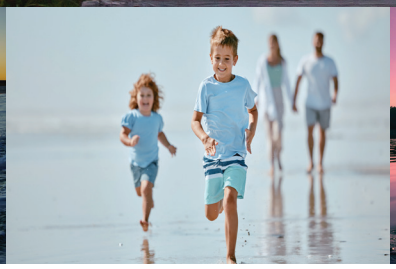

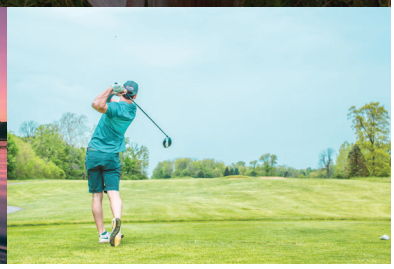

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Relocating doesn't have to be overwhelming. At PROACTIVE Real Estate, our dedicated Relocation Services team is here to make your move as smooth and stress-free as possible - whether you're coming to Brunswick County, leaving the area, or moving across the world.

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Moving To Brunswick County?

We live and work right here in Brunswick County. From finding the right neighborhood to connecting you with local lenders, inspectors, and service providers, we offer in-depth, Hyperlocal® expertise you won't find anywhere else. Whether you're drawn to the beaches of Holden Beach or Oak Island, the charm of Southport, or the growth in areas like Leland or Shallotte, we'll guide you every step of the way.

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We understand that some relocations come with tight timelines and high stakes. Whether you're moving for a job, returning home, or starting fresh, we'll tailor our support to fit your specific needs. From virtual tours and remote closings to area orientation and temporary housing assistance, we're here to help you navigate every detail.

Let's Get You Home - Wherever That May Be

Start with a conversation. Our Relocation Director will connect with you personally to learn about your goals, timeline, and ideal outcome. From there, we'll build a plan and connect you with the right professionals - locally or globally.

Connect with our Relocation Team today and discover the difference PROACTIVE service makes.

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Welcome to Brunswick County!

We're thrilled to welcome you to Brunswick County - where the warmth of coastal living meets the charm of small-town communities. Whether you're starting fresh, relocating for work, or searching for your dream home by the sea, you've chosen an extraordinary place to call home.

At PROACTIVE Real Estate, we don't just work here - we live here, raise our families here, and take great pride in sharing this vibrant region with you. From the beaches of Oak Island and Ocean Isle Beach, to the neighborhoods of Leland and the golf courses of St. James, the historic charm of Southport, the peaceful pace of Holden Beach, the island lifestyle of Bald Head Island, and the local energy of Shallotte, each area offers something unique. And inside this guide, you'll find helpful tools and information to make your transition smooth and enjoyable.

You'll discover everything from school and healthcare resources to dining recommendations, utility contacts, and community spotlights. Think of this guide as your personal roadmap to settling in and feeling right at home.

As you explore, know that our team at PROACTIVE Real Estate is here to support you—not just as REALTORS®, but as neighbors who genuinely care. We're always ready to answer questions, offer local insights, and help you find the perfect place to call home.

Welcome to the coast. Welcome to the community. Welcome to Brunswick County.

Warmly,

The PROACTIVE Real Estate Team

FAST FACTS ABOUT BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Welcome to life on the Carolina Coast!

Brunswick County is North Carolina's fastest-growing coastal region - and for good reason. With its stunning barrier island beaches, historic towns, world-class golf courses, and laid-back lifestyle, it's easy to see why so many people choose to call this place home. Here are a few key facts to help you get to know the area:

LOCATION

- Southeastern tip of North Carolina
- Bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the east and South Carolina to the south
- Just minutes from **Wilmington, NC** and under an hour from **Myrtle Beach, SC**

POPULATION

- Approximately **170,000 residents** (and growing!)
- One of the **top 5 fastest-growing counties** in North Carolina

CLIMATE

- Mild, coastal climate with **4 distinct seasons**
- Average high in July: **89°F** | Average high in January: **56°F**
- **Over 215 sunny days** per year
- Long beach season, perfect for outdoor living

LIFESTYLE HIGHLIGHTS

- **5 barrier island beaches** with public access and iconic piers
- Over **30 golf courses**, many nationally ranked
- Easy access to **boating, fishing, kayaking, & paddleboarding**
- Vibrant local arts, historic sites, and community events year-round

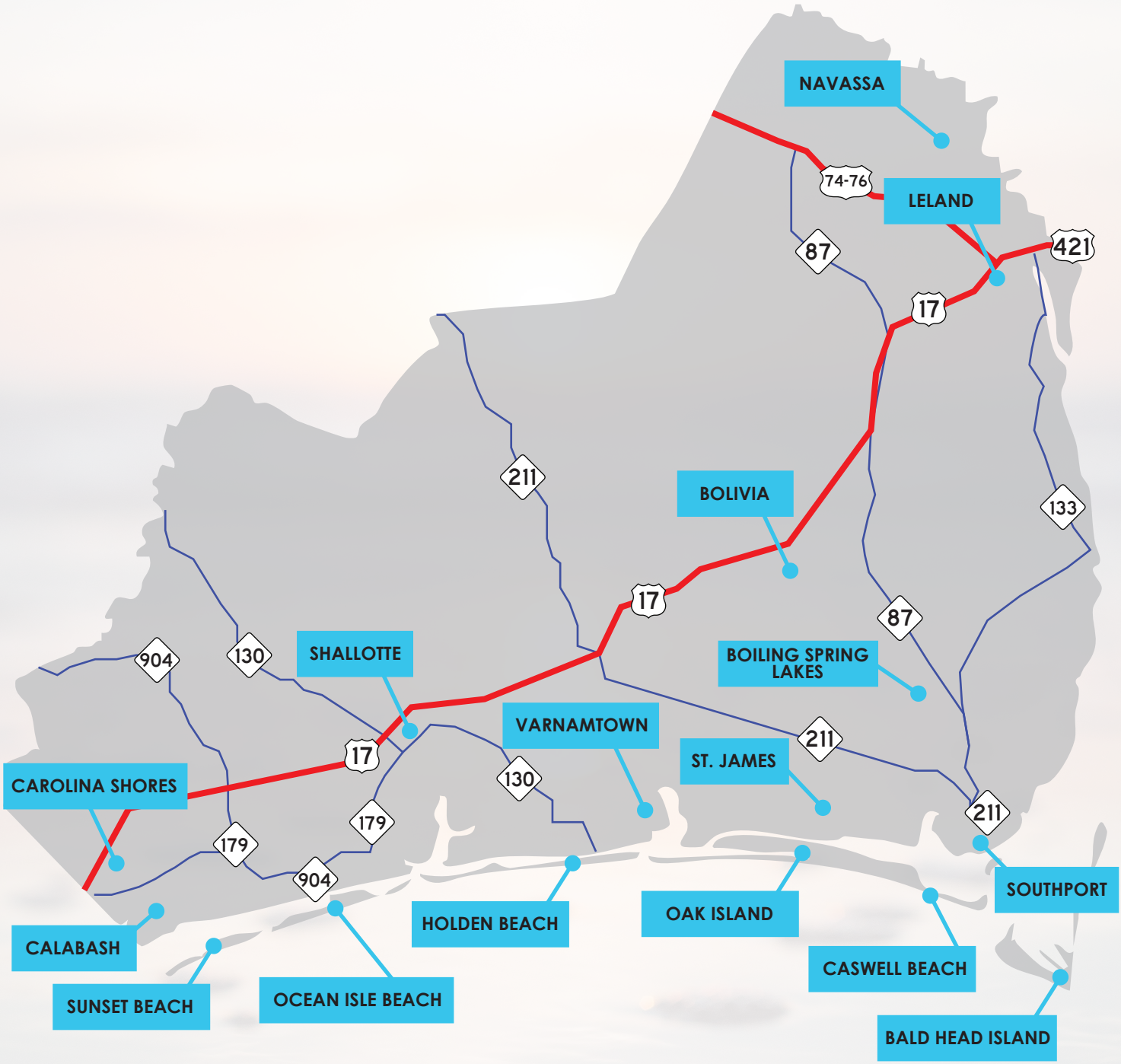
EDUCATION & HEALTHCARE

- Served by **Brunswick County Schools**, private and charter options available
- Nearby colleges: **Brunswick Community College, UNC Wilmington**
- Full-service medical facilities including N**ovant Health Brunswick Medical Center**

TRANSPORTATION

- Easy access via US-17, NC-211, and I-140
- Both **Wilmington International Airport** (ILM) & **Myrtle Beach International Airport** (MYR) are 30–45 minutes away
- Public ferry to Bald Head Island and Fort Fisher

MAP OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY



LIVING IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Coastal living, small-town charm, and space to breathe.

Brunswick County offers the perfect mix of natural beauty and community spirit. Located on the southeastern coast of North Carolina, it's a place where your lifestyle can be as laid-back or active as you want it to be.

From waterfront living and barrier island beaches to golf course neighborhoods and historic downtowns, there's something for everyone here. Locals enjoy the comfort of small-town life with the added bonus of easy access to Wilmington and Myrtle Beach.

Whether you're here to retire, raise a family, invest in real estate, or simply enjoy coastal living, you'll find that Brunswick County offers more than a beautiful view — it offers a way of life.

WHAT MAKES BRUNSWICK COUNTY A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

Low Tax Rates & Affordable Cost of Living

- Brunswick County's **property tax rate is $0.3425 per $100 of assessed value**, among the lowest on the NC coast
- The **median home price** in Brunswick County is around **$385,000** - significantly lower than in Wilmington ($430K+) or Charleston, SC ($500K+)
- Cost of living index: ~91, meaning it's **9% more affordable than the national average**

Genuine Hospitality & a Slower Pace of Life

- **Average commute time**: just **25 minutes**, well below the U.S. average
- 70% of residents live within **10 miles of the beach or a waterway**
- **Over 35 annual festivals, parades, and community events** that keep the calendar full without the crowds
- Stress index scores for **Brunswick County remain lower than national averages**

A Strong Sense of Community & Safety

- Brunswick County ranks among the top 25 safest counties in North Carolina
- **Southport**, **St. James**, and **Carolina Shores** regularly rank as some of the **safest towns in North Carolina**
- 70+ registered **community associations and civic groups** across the county
- 80% of county residents live in **low-crime municipalities or planned communities**

Abundant Outdoor Recreation

- **45+ miles of beachfront** among 5 barrier island beaches open to the public
- **30+ golf courses**, including award-winning courses like Rivers Edge, Tiger's Eye, and Cape Fear National
- **35+ public boat ramps and water access points,** perfect for weekend adventures
- **900+ acres of protected parkland** in Brunswick County

WEATHER & SEASONS

Brunswick County's mild, coastal climate means you can enjoy your favorite outdoor activities almost every day of the year. With four distinct seasons and an extended beach season, the area is ideal for golf, boating, biking, and relaxing by the water.

What to Expect:

- **Spring:** Mid 60s to mid 70s - azaleas bloom, perfect for patio weather
- **Summer:** Upper 80s - beach season is in full swing
- **Fall:** 60s to low 80s - crisp mornings, colorful marshes
- **Winter:** High 50s to low 60s - mild and peaceful

Rainfall is fairly consistent year-round, and snow is rare. Ocean breezes help moderate summer heat, and hurricanes are monitored closely with strong local preparedness systems in place.

MONTH	AIR TEMP (HIGH/LOW) (°F)	WATER TEMP (°F)
January	55/41	49
February	58/45	51
March	64/50	56
April	71/58	66
May	78/66	71
June	84/72	79
July	87/76	82
August	86/75	82
September	82/71	81
October	74/61	75
November	65/51	70
December	59/46	50

SEA TURTLE NESTING & LOCAL PATROLS

Each summer, Brunswick County's beaches become nesting grounds for threatened sea turtles, primarily loggerheads. From May through October, local volunteers help protect these gentle creatures through organized turtle patrols.

Each beach has its own dedicated program:

Oak Island Sea Turtle Protection Program
Website: www.oakislandnc.gov
Email: okeaturtle@gmail.com

Holden Beach Turtle Watch Program
Website: www.hbturtlewatch.org
Facebook: facebook.com/HBTurtleWatch

Ocean Isle Beach Sea Turtle Protection Org
Website: www.oibseaturtles.org
Email: oibseaturtles@gmail.com

Caswell Beach Turtle Watch
Website: caswellbeachturtlewatch.org
Email: info@caswellbeachturtlewatch.org

Bald Head Island Conservancy
Website: www.bhic.org
Phone: (910) 457-0089

These groups patrol beaches daily during nesting season, mark and monitor nests, assist with hatchling releases, and offer public education. Volunteering is a great way to connect with the local community and help preserve the coastal environment.

YOUR FIRST STEPS ON THE COAST

Your coastal move-in checklist - simplified.

GETTING STARTED

- ☐ **Set up utilities:** electricity, water/sewer, trash, internet, cable
- ☐ **Change your address:** visit moversguide.usps.com
- ☐ **Locate essential services:** grocery stores, pharmacies, hospitals, and schools (see page XX)

DRIVER & VEHICLE

- ☐ **Get your North Carolina driver's license:** Required within 60 days of moving
- ☐ **Register your vehicle in North Carolina:** Required within 30 days
- ☐ **Update vehicle insurance:** Visit ncdot.gov/dmv for requirements

LEGAL & CIVIC

- ☐ **Register to vote in Brunswick County:** Visit ncdot.gov/dmv to register
- ☐ **Update your voter registration address** if moving within North Carolina
- ☐ **Find your local polling place:** ncsbe.gov

PETS

- ☐ **Find a local veterinarian:** See page 28
- ☐ **Update pet microchip & ID Tags** with your new address

HOME & SAFETY

- ☐ **Make a hurricane preparedness plan:** Visit weather.gov/safety/hurricane-plan
- ☐ **Locate the nearest emergency services:** police, fire, hospitals. See page 27

EDUCATION & COMMUNITY

- ☐ **Enroll children in school:** Visit bcswan.net for more information
- ☐ **Register for library cards:** Visit brunswickcountync.gov/160/library to find a location
- ☐ **Find local parks, recreation centers, and clubs:** See page 37

ADDITIONAL TIPS

- ☐ **Set up online accounts for local utilities and services**
- ☐ **Keep an emergency contact list handy:** Family, neighbors, doctors
- ☐ **Explore local events and farmers markets to connect with the community:** See page 42
- ☐ **Create a folder for important documents related to your move**

Town-By-Town Guide

Explore every corner of Brunswick County

No two towns in Brunswick County are quite the same - and that's what makes living here so special. From historic coastal villages and beachside communities to quiet inland escapes and fast-growing hubs, each area offers a unique blend of charm, lifestyle, and opportunity.

Whether you're drawn to the bustle of Leland, the maritime beauty of Southport, the beautiful shores of Oak Island or the laid-back pace of Holden Beach, this section is designed to help you find the place that feels most like home.

Here's what you'll find for each town and community:

- **What makes it special:** A quick look at local character, lifestyle, and history
- **Need to know info:** Town contacts, services, and resources for new residents
- **How to get started:** Utility providers & school zones

Relocating isn't just about choosing a house - it's about choosing a place to live your life. This guide gives you the clarity and confidence to explore the options, ask the right questions, and connect with the areas that speak to you.

When you're ready, we're here.

Finding the right place takes more than a map. It takes insight, experience, and someone who really knows the area.

Whether you've fallen in love with a specific town or still have questions about what fits your lifestyle, our team is ready to help. No pressure. Just real answers and real Hyperlocal® support.

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WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL

Accessible only by ferry from Southport or private boat, Bald Head Island offers a unique escape defined by natural beauty, tranquility, and an unmatched sense of community. With no cars allowed, residents and visitors travel by golf cart or bike, embracing a slower pace of life. The island is home to the historic Old Baldy Lighthouse - the oldest standing lighthouse in North Carolina. Whether you're drawn to its luxury homes, commitment to conservation, or peaceful way of life, Bald Head Island is a truly exceptional place to live.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

- **Village of Bald Head Island**
  Village Hall: 106 Lighthouse Wynd, BHI | (910) 457-9700 | villagebhi.org
- **Public Safety**
  For Emergencies Dial 911
  Non-Emergency Public Safety: (910) 457-5252
- **Local Services**
  Post Office: 104 Lighthouse Wynd, Bald Head Island | (800) 275-8777
  Library: Harper Library | 109 W Moore St, Southport | (910) 457-6237
  Voter Registration & DMV: Available in Southport or Bolivia | ncdot.gov/dmv

FAST FACTS

- **Incorporated:** 1985
- **Population:** ~220 year-round residents (2025 estimate) with seasonal increase
- **Median Age:** 60.4
- **Median Household Income:** $129,400
- **Median Property Value:** $1.35M+
- **Area:** ~5.8 square miles
- **Notable:** Originally developed in the 1970s with a vision to preserve its natural beauty, Bald Head Island became one of the first master-planned communities in the U.S. to prioritize conservation over cars

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL

Boiling Spring Lakes offers a relaxed, natural lifestyle centered around more than 50 freshwater lakes and the area's namesake natural spring. Residents enjoy affordable living, ample space, and easy access to nearby Southport and Wilmington. Outdoor activities abound, from kayaking and fishing to walking trails and nature preserves. It's a community where life flows a little slower - and that's the charm.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

- **City of Boiling Spring Lakes**
  City Hall: 9 E Boiling Spring Rd, BSL | (910) 845-2614 | cityofbsl.org
- **Public Safety**
  Boiling Spring Lakes Police Department: (910) 363-0011
  BSL Volunteer Fire & Rescue: (910) 845-2341
- **Local Services**
  Post Office: 206 E Nash St, Southport | (910) 457-4633
  Library: Harper Library | 109 W Moore St, Southport | (910) 457-6237
  Voter Registration & DMV: Available in Shallotte or Bolivia | ncdot.gov/dmv

FAST FACTS

- **Incorporated:** 1961
- **Population:** ~6,350 (2025 estimate), up 15.4% since 2020
- **Median Age:** 44.1
- **Median Household Income:** $66,700
- **Median Property Value:** $247,500
- **Average Commute Time:** 27 minutes
- **Area:** ~24.6 square miles | ~258 people/square mile
- **Notable:** Originally planned as a lake-centered residential retreat, Boiling Spring Lakes has grown into a vibrant city while preserving its laid-back, outdoorsy identity - home to the 275-acre Boiling Spring Lake and multiple nature preserves

BOLIVIA

Heart of the County, Rooted in Tradition

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL

Though small in population, Bolivia plays a big role in Brunswick County as the official county seat. Its quiet, rural charm is anchored by government services, historic farmland, and proximity to the area's largest medical center. Located along U.S. 17, it offers easy access to nearby towns while maintaining a peaceful, down-to-earth lifestyle.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

- **Town of Bolivia**
  Town Hall: 4038 Business Hwy 17 E, Bolivia | (910) 253-5334 | townofbolivia.com
- **Public Safety**
  Brunswick County Sheriff's Office: (910) 253-2777
  Bolivia Volunteer Fire Department: (910) 253-5280
- **Local Services**
  Post Office: 3890 Business 17 E, Bolivia | (910) 253-5576
  Library: Harper Library | 109 W Moore St, Southport | (910) 457-6237
  Voter Registration: Board of Elections | 75 Stamp Ace Dr NE, Bolivia | (910) 253-2620
  DMV: 20 Referendum Dr, Bolivia | (910) 253-2971 (No Driver's License at this facility)

FAST FACTS

- **Incorporated:** 1911
- **Population:** ~276 (2025 estimate)
- **Median Age:** 44.5
- **Median Household Income:** $56,100
- **Median Property Value:** $210,000
- **Average Commute Time:** 25 minutes
- **Area:** ~0.7 square miles | ~394 people/square mile
- **Notable:** Once a key stop along the Wilmington-to-Myrtle Beach railroad, Bolivia has maintained its small-town charm and rural roots, offering a laid-back lifestyle surrounded by farmland and natural beauty

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL

Known for its iconic waterfront and famous Calabash-style seafood, this small town blends coastal charm with Southern hospitality. Located near the South Carolina border, Calabash offers a relaxed pace of life, mom-and-pop shops, art galleries, and easy access to beaches, golf, and the Intracoastal Waterway. With a friendly year-round population and a strong sense of community pride, Calabash is a favorite for those seeking small-town feel with big flavor.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

- **Town of Calabash**
  Town Hall: 882 Persimmon Rd SW, Calabash | (910) 579-6747 | townofcalabash.net
- **Public Safety**
  Calabash Fire Department: (910) 579-2928
  Brunswick County Sheriff's Office (non-emergency): (910) 253-2777
- **Local Services**
  Post Office: Inside Ace Hardware - 9935 Beach Dr Sw, Calabash | (910) 579-3237
  Library: 9400 Ocean Hwy W, Carolina Shores | (910) 575-0173
  Voter Registration & DMV: Available in Shallotte or Bolivia | ncdot.gov/dmv

FAST FACTS

- **Nickname:** Seafood Capital of the World
- **Settled:** Early 1700s as "Pea Landing," renamed Calabash by 1873
- **Incorporated:** 1973
- **Population:** 2,699 (2025 estimate), up 33% since 2020
- **Median Age:** 54, with ~26.5% of residents age 65+
- **Median Household Income:** $60,050
- **Median Property Value:** $202,000
- **Average Commute Time:** 18 minutes
- **Area:** ~4.5 square miles | ~530 people/square mile
- **Historical Claim to Fame:** Origin of "Calabash-style" fried seafood

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL

Tucked just minutes from the South Carolina state line, Carolina Shores offers a laid-back lifestyle with a quiet residential feel, all while being close to the vibrant entertainment of the Grand Strand. Originally developed as a golf resort in the 1970s, this town has grown into a charming coastal enclave known for its tree-lined streets, friendly neighbors, and affordable living. Whether you're seeking a peaceful retirement, a second home, or a year-round residence, Carolina Shores offers a slower pace of life with easy access to beaches, shopping, and dining.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

- **Town of Carolina Shores**
  Town Hall: 200 Persimmon Rd SW, Carolina Shores | (910) 575-4877 | carolinashoresnc.com
- **Public Safety**
  Calabash Fire Department: (910) 579-2928
  Brunswick County Sheriff's Office (non-emergency): (910) 253-2777
- **Local Services**
  Post Office: Inside Ace Hardware - 9935 Beach Dr Sw, Calabash | (910) 579-3237
  Library: 9400 Ocean Hwy W, Carolina Shores | (910) 575-0173
  Voter Registration & DMV: Available in Shallotte or Bolivia | ncdot.gov/dmv

FAST FACTS

- **Incorporated:** 1998 after splitting from Calabash
- **Population:** 5,463 (2025 estimate), up 19% since 2020
- **Median Age:** 65.6 - over 50% of residents are 65+
- **Median Household Income:** $74,310
- **Median Property Value:** $249,800
- **Average Commute Time:** 20 minutes
- **Area:** ~2.9 square miles | ~1,700 people/square mile
- **Notable:** Developed around the Carolina Shores Country Club in the 1970s and quickly became a retirement-focused community

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL

Caswell Beach is a peaceful seaside retreat known for its natural beauty, wide dunes, and uncrowded beaches. Nestled at the eastern tip of Oak Island, it's home to the historic Oak Island Lighthouse and offers a slower pace with a strong focus on conservation and coastal living. With limited commercial development and a close-knit residential vibe, Caswell Beach appeals to those seeking serenity, outdoor recreation, and sweeping views of both the ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

- **Town of Caswell Beach**
  Town Hall: 1100 Caswell Beach Rd, Caswell Beach | (910) 278-5471 | caswellbeach.org
- **Public Safety**
  Caswell Beach Police Department: (910) 278-3035
  Oak Island Fire & Rescue: (910) 278-1000
- **Local Services**
  Post Office: 5701 E Oak Island Dr, Oak Island | (910) 278-6733
  Library: GV Barbee Sr Library | 8200 E Oak Island Dr, Oak Island | (910) 278-4283
  Voter Registration & DMV: Available in Southport or Bolivia | ncdot.gov/dmv

FAST FACTS

- **Incorporated:** 1975
- **Population:** ~445 (2025 estimate), up 7.2% since 2020
- **Median Age:** 64.8
- **Median Household Income:** $106,400
- **Median Property Value:** $764,000
- **Average Commute Time:** 23 minutes
- **Area:** ~4.1 square miles | ~108 people/square mile
- **Notable:** Home to the Oak Island Lighthouse and part of the expansive Fort Caswell Historic District; known for its sea turtle nesting areas and strong emphasis on preservation

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL

Holden Beach is a serene barrier island known for its pristine shoreline, family-oriented atmosphere, and slower pace of life. With minimal commercial development and a strong focus on preserving natural beauty, it's ideal for those seeking a peaceful coastal retreat. Residents and visitors alike enjoy boating, fishing, sea turtle sightings, and quiet beach days with loved ones.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

- **Town of Holden Beach**
  Town Hall: 110 Rothschild St, Holden Beach | (910) 842-6488 | hbtownhall.com
- **Public Safety**
  Holden Beach Police Department: (910) 842-6707
  Tri-Beach Volunteer Fire Department: (910) 842-2030
- **Local Services**
  Post Office: 25 Blanton Rd SE, Supply | (910) 754-4050
  Library: Rourk Branch Library | 5068 Main St, Shallotte | (910) 754-6578
  Voter Registration & DMV: Available in Shallotte or Bolivia | ncdot.gov/dmv

FAST FACTS

- **Incorporated:** 1969
- **Population: ~**1,094 (2025 estimate), up 12.6% since 2020
- **Median Age:** 63.4
- **Median Household Income:** $88,720
- **Median Property Value:** $873,720
- **Average Commute Time:** 21 minutes
- **Area:** ~3.4 square miles | ~321 people/square mile
- **Notable:** One of the few NC beaches designated as a "Sea Turtle Sanctuary," Holden Beach is committed to environmental preservation and family-first development policies

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL

Leland is one of Brunswick County's fastest-growing towns, blending suburban charm with easy access to beaches and urban centers. Known for its family-friendly neighborhoods, diverse shopping, and parks, Leland offers a vibrant community atmosphere with convenient proximity to Wilmington and the Carolina coast. Its strategic location along the Cape Fear River and rapid development make it a hub for both residents and businesses alike.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

- **Town of Leland**
  Town Hall: 102 Town Hall Dr NE, Leland | (910) 371-0148 | townofleland.com
- **Public Safety**
  Leland Police Department: (910) 371-2111
  Leland Fire Department: (910) 371-2000
- **Local Services**
  Post Office: 1123 Village Rd NE, Leland | (910) 383-0922
  Library: Leland Library | 487 Village Rd NE, Leland | (910) 253-2665
  Voter Registration & DMV: Available in Shallotte or Bolivia | ncdot.gov/dmv

FAST FACTS

- **Incorporated:** 1991
- **Population:** ~26,500 (2025 estimate), up 18.7% since 2020
- **Median Age:** 39.2
- **Median Household Income:** $67,800
- **Median Property Value:** $311,000
- **Average Commute Time:** 28 minutes
- **Area:** ~20.7 square miles | ~1,280 people/square mile
- **Notable:** Originally a small fishing village, Leland has transformed dramatically since its incorporation in 1991, growing into one of Brunswick County's fastest expanding towns while maintaining ties to its coastal roots and riverfront heritage

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL

Navassa is a close-knit, rural town located along the Cape Fear River, offering a peaceful lifestyle surrounded by natural beauty. Its rich cultural heritage and community pride create a welcoming atmosphere for residents seeking a quiet, slower-paced environment while still being within reach of the amenities of nearby urban centers like Wilmington and Southport. Navassa is also home to unique historic sites and thriving local traditions.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

- **Town of Navassa**
  Town Hall: 105 W 2nd St, Navassa | (910) 675-6493 | townofnavassa.org
- **Public Safety**
  Navassa Police Department: (910) 675-4122
  Navassa Fire Department: (910) 675-4757
- **Local Services**
  Post Office: 1123 Village Rd NE, Leland | (910) 383-0922
  Library: Leland Library | 487 Village Rd NE, Leland | (910) 253-2665
  Voter Registration & DMV: Available in Shallotte or Bolivia | ncdot.gov/dmv

FAST FACTS

- **Incorporated:** 1977
- **Population:** ~1,700 (2025 estimate)
- **Median Age:** 35.6
- **Median Household Income:** $48,500
- **Median Property Value:** $185,000
- **Average Commute Time:** 32 minutes
- **Area:** ~3.1 square miles | ~548 people/square mile
- **Notable:** Navassa's history is tied to its location along the Cape Fear River, serving as an important hub for river commerce and agriculture since the 18th century, with historic landmarks that reflect its early role in regional trade and community development

OAK ISLAND

Coastal Living with a Laid-Back Spirit

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL

Oak Island blends classic beach town charm with a welcoming year-round community. With miles of sandy shoreline, public beach access, fishing piers, and parks, it's a haven for outdoor enthusiasts and families alike. The island offers everything from quiet nature walks to lively summer concerts, while nearby shops, restaurants, and golf courses make everyday life feel like a vacation. Whether you're here full-time or just escaping for the season, Oak Island delivers a slower pace and a stronger connection to the coast.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

- **Town of Oak Island**
  Town Hall: 4601 E Oak Island Dr, Oak Island | (910) 278-5011 | oakislandnc.gov
- **Public Safety**
  Oak Island Police Department: (910) 278-5595
  Oak Island Fire & Rescue: (910) 278-1000
- **Local Services**
  Post Office: 5701 E Oak Island Dr, Oak Island | (910) 278-6733
  Library: GV Barbee Sr Library | 8200 E Oak Island Dr, Oak Island | (910) 278-4283
  Voter Registration & DMV: Available in Southport or Bolivia | ncdot.gov/dmv

FAST FACTS

- **Incorporated:** 1999 with the merger of Long Beach & Yaupon Beach
- **Population:** ~8,750 (2025 estimate), up 10.2% since 2020
- **Median Age:** 60.1
- **Median Household Income:** $82,415
- **Median Property Value:** $442,300
- **Average Commute Time:** 24 minutes
- **Area:** ~20 square miles | ~438 people/square mile
- **Notable:** Features 65+ public beach access points, two fishing piers, and a year-round calendar of festivals, concerts, and town-hosted events

OCEAN ISLE BEACH

Sunny Shores & Timeless Coastal Charm

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL

Ocean Isle Beach is a welcoming barrier island community known for its wide sandy beaches, family-friendly atmosphere, and a rich history dating back to the early 1900s. From fishing piers and boating to quaint shops and seasonal festivals, OIB offers residents and visitors a relaxed coastal lifestyle. With a mix of vacation homes and full-time residents, the town balances laid-back island living with growing amenities and community events that celebrate its maritime heritage.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

- **Town of Ocean Isle Beach**
  Town Hall: 450 Causeway Dr, Ocean Isle Beach | (910) 579-6297 | oibgov.com
- **Public Safety**
  Ocean Isle Beach Fire Department: (910) 575-3800
  Ocean Isle Beach Police Department: (910) 579-4221
- **Local Services**
  Post Office: 1587 Seaside Rd SW, Ocean Isle Beach | (910) 579-5202
  Library: Rourk Branch Library | 5068 Main St, Shallotte | (910) 754-6578
  Voter Registration & DMV: Available in Shallotte or Bolivia | ncdot.gov/dmv

FAST FACTS

- **Incorporated:** 1959
- **Population:** 1,052 (2025 estimate), up 20.64% since 2020
- **Median Age:** 67.3
- **Median Household Income:** $99,231
- **Median Property Value:** $458,680
- **Average Commute Time:** 17 minutes
- **Area:** ~4.5 square miles | ~205 people/square mile
- **Notable:** Home to the Museum of Coastal Carolina, offering educational exhibits on local marine life and environment

SHALLOTTE

Commercial Hub Meets Coastal Charm

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL

Shallotte is the commercial heart of southern Brunswick County—offering big-town convenience with a small-town vibe. With its central location, the town serves as a crossroads for beachgoers, commuters, and locals alike. Historic roots, family-owned businesses, and a growing shopping and dining scene make Shallotte an appealing home base. As the town continues to grow, its blend of tradition and transformation is drawing new residents, entrepreneurs, and families.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

- **Town of Shallotte**
  Town Hall: 106 E Main St, Shallotte | (910) 754-4032 | townofshallotte.org
- **Public Safety**
  Shallotte Police Department: (910) 754-6008
  Shallotte Fire Department: (910) 754-6954
- **Local Services**
  Post Office: 209 Smith Ave, Shallotte | (910) 754-6336
  Library: Rourk Branch Library | 5068 Main St, Shallotte | (910) 754-6578
  Voter Registration & DMV: 5300 Main St, Shallotte | ncdot.gov/dmv

FAST FACTS

- **Incorporated:** 1899
- **Population:** 5,815 (2025 estimate), up 38.29% since 2020
- **Median Age:** 45.1
- **Median Household Income:** $75,642
- **Median Property Value:** $322,249
- **Average Commute Time:** 23 minutes
- **Area:** ~9.3 square miles | ~452 people/square mile
- **Notable:** With roots dating back to the 1700s, Shallotte began as a small fishing village along the river that shares its name. It has grown into a commercial and civic center for southern Brunswick County while maintaining its small-town heritage

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL

Nestled where the Cape Fear River meets the Intracoastal Waterway, Southport is known for its walkable downtown, historic homes, and coastal charm. With a vibrant arts scene, festivals like the North Carolina 4th of July Festival, and a strong maritime heritage, Southport blends small-town hospitality with scenic beauty and Southern tradition.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

- **City of Southport**
  City Hall: 1029 N Howe St, Southport | (910) 457-7900 | cityofsouthport.com
- **Public Safety**
  Southport Police Department: (910) 457-7911
  Southport Fire Department: (910) 457-7915
- **Local Services**
  Post Office: 206 E Nash St, Southport | (910) 457-4633
  Library: Harper Library | 109 W Moore St, Southport | (910) 457-6237
  Voter Registration & DMV: Available in Shallotte or Bolivia | ncdot.gov/dmv

FAST FACTS

- **Incorporated:** 1792
- **Population:** ~4,115 (2025 estimate), up 8.3% since 2020
- **Median Age:** 61.2
- **Median Household Income:** $68,200
- **Median Property Value:** $408,000
- **Average Commute Time:** 25 minutes
- **Area:** ~3.5 square miles | ~1,176 people/square mile
- **Notable:** Originally established as Smithville in the 1700s, Southport was a strategic shipping and military point, later rebranded to attract commerce and tourism - a vision that helped shape its thriving waterfront and historic district today

ST. JAMES

Private coastal living with resort-style amenities

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL

St. James offers a refined coastal lifestyle with a strong sense of community. This private, gated town is known for its beautifully maintained neighborhoods, championship golf courses, full-service marina, and exclusive beach club on Oak Island. Residents enjoy a calendar full of social events, clubs, and wellness opportunities, all surrounded by natural beauty and just minutes from area beaches and historic Southport.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

- **Town of St. James**
  Town Hall: 4140 Southport-Supply Rd SE, St. James | (910) 253-4731 | townofstjamesnc.com
- **Public Safety**
  Brunswick County Sheriff's Office: (910) 253-2777
  St. James Fire Department: (910) 253-0570
- **Local Services**
  Post Office: 206 E Nash St, Southport | (910) 457-4633
  Library: Harper Library | 109 W Moore St, Southport | (910) 457-6237
  Voter Registration & DMV: Available in Shallotte or Bolivia | ncdot.gov/dmv

FAST FACTS

- **Incorporated:** 1999
- **Population:** ~6,820 (2025 estimate), up 15.3% since 2020
- **Median Age:** 66.4
- **Median Household Income:** $108,950
- **Median Property Value:** $545,000
- **Average Commute Time:** 19 minutes
- **Area:** ~6.6 square miles | ~1,033 people/square mile
- **Notable:** One of the most successful master-planned communities in North Carolina, St. James offers four golf courses, a private marina, and a beach club on Oak Island

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL

Nestled at the southern tip of Brunswick County, Sunset Beach is a serene island town known for its pristine shoreline, laid-back charm, and stunning sunrises. With its iconic swing bridge history, Bird Island Reserve, and uncrowded beaches, Sunset Beach is a nature lover's paradise and a tight-knit coastal community. Residents enjoy a slower pace of life, scenic walking trails, and a mix of full-time and seasonal neighbors who appreciate the balance of tranquility and convenience.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

- **Town of Sunset Beach**
  Town Hall: 700 Sunset Blvd N, Sunset Beach | (910) 579-6297 | sunsetbeachnc.gov
- **Public Safety**
  Sunset Beach Police Department: (910) 579-2151
  Sunset Beach Fire Department: (910) 579-2456
- **Local Services**
  Post Office: S. Brunswick Post Office - 1587 Seaside Rd SW, Ocean Isle | (910) 579-5202
  Library: 9400 Ocean Hwy W, Carolina Shores | (910) 575-0173
  Voter Registration & DMV: Available in Shallotte or Bolivia | ncdot.gov/dmv

FAST FACTS

- **Incorporated:** 1955
- **Population:** 4,326 (2025 estimate), up 3.27% since 2020
- **Median Age:** 68.3 years
- **Median Household Income:** $84,934
- **Median Property Value:** $354,300
- **Average Commute Time:** 25 minutes
- **Area: ~**7 square miles | ~618 people/square mile
- **Notable:** Known for its serene beaches, the Kindred Spirit Mailbox on Bird Island, and being one of the few places on the East Coast where the sun sets over the ocean

VARNAMTOWN

Riverfront Roots and Small Town Pride

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL

Tucked along the banks of the Lockwood Folly River, Varnamtown is a quiet, close-knit fishing village with deep generational ties to commercial seafood and boatbuilding. Residents enjoy riverfront living, scenic sunsets, and a true sense of community where neighbors know each other by name. Life here moves at a slower pace - perfect for those who appreciate tradition, simplicity, and natural beauty.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

- **Town of Varnamtown**
  Town Hall: 100 Varnamtown Rd, Supply | (910) 842-2131 | townofvarnamtown.com
- **Public Safety**
  Brunswick County Sheriff's Office: (910) 253-2777
  Tri-Beach Volunteer Fire Department: (910) 842-2030
- **Local Services**
  Post Office: 25 Blanton Rd SE, Supply | (910) 754-4050
  Library: Rourk Branch Library | 5068 Main St, Shallotte | (910) 754-6578
  Voter Registration & DMV: Available in Shallotte or Bolivia | ncdot.gov/dmv

FAST FACTS

- **Incorporated:** 1988
- **Population:** ~585 (2025 estimate), up 3.4% since 2020
- **Median Age:** 55.2
- **Median Household Income:** $64,300
- **Median Property Value:** $274,000
- **Average Commute Time:** 25 minutes
- **Area:** ~0.5 square miles | ~1,170 people/square mile
- **Notable:** Varnamtown, founded by fishing families, is one of Brunswick County's few remaining working waterfronts, where a strong maritime tradition continues through active commercial fishing, local oyster roasts, and church suppers

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Everything you need to stay connected, stay informed, and settle in with confidence

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Keep these numbers handy in case of emergencies or urgent needs:

- **Emergency (Police/Fire/EMS):** 911
- **Brunswick County Sheriff's Office:** (910) 253-5383
- **Duke Energy (Power Outages):** (800) 419-6356
- **Brunswick Electric (BEMC) Outages:** (800) 682-5309
- **Poison Control Center:** (800) 222-1222
- **NC Highway Patrol:** *HP or (800) 622-7956

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIRECTORY

Need to reach the county offices? Start here:

- **Brunswick County Government:** brunswickcountync.gov | (910) 253-2000
- **Property Tax Office:** (910) 253-2829
- **Planning & Inspections:** (910) 253-2025
- **Register of Deeds (Deeds, Birth/Marriage Certificates):** (910) 253-2690
- **Board of Elections:** brunswickcountync.gov/elections

For town-specific websites and contact info,
visit the Town-by-Town Guide section starting on page XX.

UTILITY PROVIDERS

- **Electricity**

  Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) | (800) 842-5871 | bemc.org
  One of the largest electric co-ops in North Carolina, serving most of Brunswick County.

- **Water & Sewer**

  Brunswick County Public Utilities | (910) 253-2657 | brunswickcountync.gov/utilities
  County-managed water and wastewater services for much of the region, including unincorporated areas. Some incorporated towns operate their own water/sewer departments. Check with your town hall to confirm your provider.

- **Trash & Recycling**

  GFL Environmental | (910) 253-4177 | gflenv.com/brunswick
  Convenience Sites & Recycling Centers | brunswickcountync.gov/solid-waste

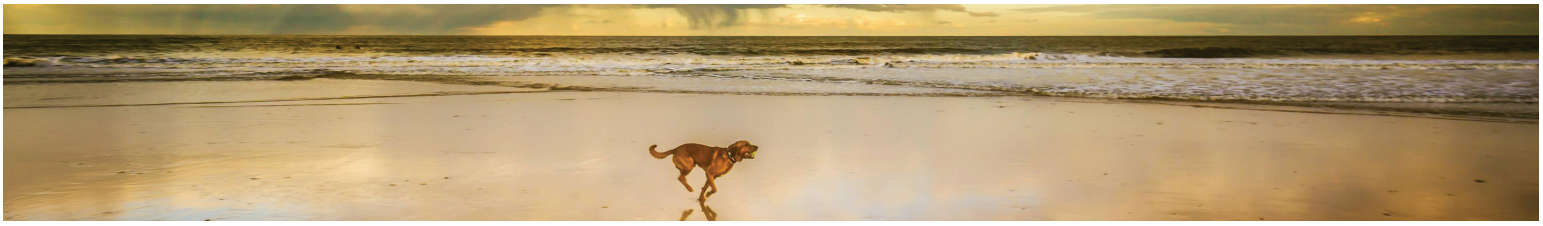
- **Internet, Television & Phone**

  Focus Broadband | (910) 754-4311 | focusbroadband.com
  Spectrum | (855) 707-7328 | spectrum.com
  CenturyLink | (866) 963-6665 | centurylink.com
  AT&T | (800) 331-0500 | att.com

PETS

Welcome furry family members!

- **Adoption | Lost & Found:** Brunswick Co. Animal Services (910) 253-1738
- **Veterinarians & Emergency Vets**
  - **VCA Seaside Animal Hospital:** 9256 Beach Dr, Calabash (910) 579-5550
  - **Ocean Isle Veterinary Hospital:** 1733 Seaside Rd, Ocean Isle Beach (910) 579-1002
  - **Sandy Paws Veterinary Hospital:** 5433 Main St, Shallotte (910) 880-0178
  - **Brunswick Animal Hospital:** 948 Ocean Hwy W, Supply (910) 939-2393
  - **Oak Island Animal Hospital:** 5520 E Oak Island Dr, Oak Island (910) 278-7575
  - **Southport Animal Hospital:** 4955 Southport-Supply Rd, Southport (910) 457-5051
  - **Brunswick Forest Veterinary Hospital:** 1513 Brunswick Village Blvd, Leland (910) 777-2107



LOCAL MEDIA & SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

Stay in the know and connect with your new community.

- **Local News Sources:**
  - **WECT (NBC):** wect.com
  - **WWAY (ABC/CBS/CW):** wwaytv3.com
  - **StarNews:** starnewsonline.com
  - **The Brunswick Beacon:** brunswickbeacon.com
  - **Wilmington Business Journal:** wilmingtonbiz.com

- **Facebook & Social Groups:**
  Search for groups like:
  - "Brunswick County Locals"
  - "Sunset Beach Neighbors"
  - "Oak Island Community"
  - "Brunswick County Events and Happenings"
  - Local town pages & neighborhood HOA groups
  - **Nextdoor App:** A great way to connect with neighbors, report lost pets, and get local tips

COASTAL SAFETY

- **Tide Charts:** tideschart.com
- **Beach & Surf Conditions:** surfcaptain.com
- **Rip Current Conditions:** weather.gov/beach/forecast?site=ilm
- **Emergency Alerts:** brunswickcountync.gov/e-alerts
- **Hurricane Forecasts:** nhc.noaa.gov

EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

Education options to fit every family and future.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Brunswick County is served by Brunswick County Schools (BCS), a district known for its supportive communities, dedicated educators, and focus on student achievement. The district operates 19 public schools, including elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as early college and alternative learning options.

Key Info:

- **District website:** www.bcswan.net
- **Central Office:** 35 Referendum Drive NE, Bolivia, NC | (910) 253-2900
- **School zones** are determined by your home address - visit the BCS website to use the zoning locator or contact the district office for assistance.
- Bus transportation, meal programs, and after-school care are available at most schools.

PRIVATE & CHARTER SCHOOL OPTIONS

For families seeking alternative options, Brunswick County offers several private and charter schools with unique programs and smaller class sizes.

Notable Options Include:

- **Classical Charter Schools of Leland** - ccsleland.net
- **Classical Charter Schools of Southport** - ccssouthport.net
- **The Academy of Coastal Carolina** - theacademyofcoastalcarolina.org
- **Southeastern Christian Academy** - scashallotte.org
- **West Christian Academy** - westchristianacademync.com
- **Southport Christian School** - southportchristian.com

COLLEGES & HIGHER EDUCATION

Whether you're continuing your education or seeking workforce training, Brunswick County provides access to affordable, high-quality institutions.

Brunswick Community College

- Main campus in Bolivia with satellite campuses in Leland & Southport
- Programs include college transfer degrees, technical certifications, nursing, construction, culinary arts and more.
- Website: brunswickcc.edu

4-Year Universities

- University of North Carolina Wilmington (~45 mins away): uncw.edu
- Coastal Carolina University - Conway, SC (~1 hour away): coastal.edu

HOMESCHOOLING RESOURCES

North Carolina supports homeschooling with clear guidelines and flexible registration. Brunswick County has an active community of homeschool families with co-ops, classes, and field trips.

Getting Started:

- Register with the **NC Division of Non-Public Education**: ncadmin.nc.gov/dnpe
- Maintain attendance and immunization records
- Homeschooling begins in Kindergarten and requires annual standardized testing

Local Support & Homeschooling Groups:

- Facebook: Brunswick County Homeschool Resource and Support
- Facebook: South Brunswick Christian Homeschoolers
- kingdomcolors.org
- chewilm.com
- waterwaymusicnc.com

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Brunswick County offers a wide variety of places of worship and spiritual communities. We recommend exploring online or local resources to find one that aligns with your interests and schedule.

HEALTHCARE

Care you can count on, close to home.

HOSPITALS & EMERGENCY SERVICES

- **Novant Health Brunswick Medical Center**
  240 Hospital Dr NE, Bolivia
  (910) 721-1000 | **novanthealth.org**
- **Dosher Memorial Hospital**
  924 N Howe St, Southport
  (910) 457-3800 | **dosher.org**

URGENT CARE

- **Novant Health Express Care**
  Shallotte and Leland | **novanthealth.org**
- **Med First Primary & Urgent Care**
  5130 Southport Supply Road, Southport | (910) 269-2053 | **thinkmedfirst.com**
- **Carolina Quick Care**
  Carolina Shores, Ocean Isle Beach, Shallotte, & Southport | **carolinaquickcare.com**
- **FastMed**
  Leland | (910) 782-3600 | **fastmed.com**

PRIMARY CARE

- **Novant Health Family & Internal Medicine - South Brunswick**
  75 Emerson Bay Rd SW, Calabash | **(910) 579-8363** | **novanthealth.org**
- **CommWell Health of Ocean Isle Beach**
  1525 Ocean Isle Beach Rd Ste 2, Ocean Isle Beach | **(877) 935-5255** | **commwellhealth.org**
- **Novant Health Oceanside Family Medicine**
  5145 Sellers Rd, Shallotte | **(910) 754-4441** | **novanthealth.org**
- **Edwards Health, PLLC**
  4748 Main St, Shallotte | **(910) 858-8527** | **edwardshealthnc.com**
- **CommWell Health - Shallotte**
  341 Whiteville Rd NW, Shallotte | **(877) 935-5255** | **commwellhealth.org**
- **Holden Beach Medical Center**
  2930 Holden Beach Rd SW, Supply | **(910) 842-5991** | **holdenbeachmedical.com**
- **Novant Health Oceanside Family Medicine - Bolivia**
  257 Hospital Dr Unit C, Bolivia | **(910) 721-4100** | **carolinaquickcare.com**
- **Novant Health Family Medicine - Pine Forest**
  2950 Pine Plantation Pkwy, Bolivia | **(910) 454-4032** | **novanthealth.org**

- **CommWell Health of Bolivia**
  4311 Old Ocean Hwy, Bolivia | **(877) 935-5255** | **commwellhealth.org**
- **Center for Quality Care**
  3971 Hwy 17 E, Bolivia | **(910) 500-6451** | **centerforqualitycarenc.com**
- **Dosher Medical Long Beach Road Primary Care**
  4222 Long Beach Rd SE, Southport | **(910) 457-3996** | **dosher.org**
- **Brunswick Family Medicine**
  3960 Executive Park Blvd SE #6, Southport | **(910) 454-4343** | **brunswickfamilymedicine.com**
- **Boiling Spring Lakes Family MD**
  3599 George II Hwy SE, Southport | **(910) 845-3244** | **bslfamilymedicine.com**
- **Goshen Medical Center**
  4654 Long Beach Rd SE, Southport | **(910) 457-0070** | **goshenmedical.org**
- **Novant Health New Hanover Primary Care - Brunswick Forest**
  1333 S Dickinson Dr Ste 140, Leland | **(910) 662-6000** | **novanthealth.org**
- **Coastal Direct Health & Wellness**
  1022 Grandiflora Dr #120, Leland | **(910) 541-5987** | **coastalwellnessnc.com**
- **Wilmington Health Family Medicine - Leland**
  9101 Ocean Hwy E, Leland | **(910) 371-0404** | **wilmingtonhealth.com**
- **Advanced Primary Care**
  509 Olde Waterford Way Ste 305, Leland | **(910) 641-8640** | **crhealthcare.org**
- **Novant Health Oceanside Family Medicine - Leland**
  501 Olde Waterford Way, Leland | **(910) 408-1130** | **novanthealth.org**
- **Batish Family Medicine**
  51 Lee Dr Bldg A, Leland | **(910) 383-1500** | **batishfamilymedicine.com**

PEDIATRICS

- **Verdin Pediatrics**
  9869 Ocean Hwy W, Carolina Shores | **(910) 575-3522**
- **Seashore Pediatrics - Shallotte**
  3650 Express Dr, Shallotte | **(910) 754-2229** | **seashorepeds.com**
- **Shore Fun Pediatrics**
  14 Doctors Cir SW #3, Supply | **(910) 754-7075** | **shorefunpeds.com**
- **Novant Health Pediatrics Brunswick**
  20 Medical Campus Dr Ste 205, Supply | **(910) 721-4400** | **novanthealth.org**
- **Seashore Pediatrics - Southport**
  1517 N Howe St #7-8, Southport | **(910) 454-8877** | **seashorepeds.com**
- **Kidzcare Pediatrics PC**
  1035 Grandiflora Dr #102, Leland | **(910) 371-3212** | **kidzcare.com**
- **Wilmington Health Pediatrics - Leland**
  9101 Ocean Hwy E, Leland | **(910) 763-2072** | **wilmingtonhealth.com**

PHARMACIES

- **The Apothecary at St. James**
  2571 St James Dr Unit 102C, Southport
  (910) 946-7999 | theapothecary-sjp.com
- **CVS**
  Locations in Calabash, Ocean Isle Beach, Shallotte, Southport and Leland
  cvs.com
- **Eric's Pharmacy**
  925 Seaside Rd SW #17, Ocean Isle Beach
  (910) 575-ERIC | ericspharmacync.com
- **Family Pharmacy**
  112 Village Rd NE Unit G, Leland
  (910) 371-3181 | familypharmacyleland.com
- **Galloway Sands Pharmacy**
  Locations in Supply and Southport
  gallowaysandspharmacy.com
- **Harris Teeter Pharmacy**
  2021 Olde Regent Way, Leland
  (910) 371-0440 | harristeeter.com
- **Justice Pharmacy**
  301 S Willis Dr #112, Shallotte
  (910) 755-6337 | justicepharmacy.com
- **Thomas Seashore Drugs**
  Locations in Calabash, Oak Island and Shallotte
  thomasseashore.com
- **Walgreens**
  Locations in Sunset Beach, Shallotte, Holden Beach, Southport & Leland
  walgreens.com
- **Wal-Mart Pharmacy**
  Locations in Shallotte, Southport and Leland
  walmart.com

DENTISTS

- **Sunset Dental**
  688 Sunset Blvd N, Sunset Beach | **(910) 575-6300 | sunsetdental.com**
- **Dental Care on Causeway**
  1572 Market Place Blvd, Ocean Isle Beach | **(910) 832-0516 | dentalcareoncauseway.com**
- **Ocean Isle Family Dentistry**
  5950 Beach Dr SW, Shallotte | **(910) 579-6999 | oibsmiles.com**
- **Riccobene Associates Family Dentistry**
  301 S Willis Dr #100, Shallotte | **(910) 754-7700 | brushandfloss.com**

- **Atlantic Dental Associates**
  5080 Main St, Shallotte | **(910) 754-6718** | **atlanticdentalnc.com**
- **Carolina Coast Family Dentistry**
  343 Whiteville Rd NW, Shallotte | **(910) 754-4507** | **carolinacoastfamilydentistry.com**
- **Shallotte Family Dentistry**
  4704 Main St, Shallotte | **(910) 755-7645** | **shallottefamilydentistry.com**
- **Riverview Dental**
  4902 Main St Ste A, Shallotte | **(910) 754-8289** | **riverviewdentalnc.com**
- **Aspen Dental**
  113 Smith Ave Unit 5, Shallotte | **(980) 296-2473** | **aspendental.com**
- **Dynamic Dental**
  988 Ocean Hwy W, Supply | **(910) 754-7850** | **dynamicdentalnc.com**
- **Brunswick Family Dentistry**
  20 Medical Campus Dr Ste 201, Supply | **(910) 755-6788** | **brunswickfamily.dental**
- **East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine - Brunswick County**
  100 Brunswick Medical Center Pkwy, Bolivia | **(910) 253-9000** | **dental.ecu.edu**
- **Coastal Cosmetic Family Dentistry - Bolivia**
  3071 Southport-Supply Rd, Bolivia | **(910) 933-2408** | **coastalcosmeticdentistry.com**
- **Riccobene Associates Family Dentistry**
  2831 Midway Rd SE Ste 116, Bolivia | **(910) 408-4436** | **brushandfloss.com**
- **Coastal Cosmetic Family Dentistry - Oak Island**
  8212 E Oak Island Dr, Oak Island | **(910) 278-3268** | **coastalcosmeticdentistry.com**
- **Bachara & Bryan Family Dentistry**
  1301 N Howe St, Southport | **(910) 457-5061** | **southportfamilydentistry.com**
- **Southport Dental**
  621-A Fodale Ave, Southport | **(910) 457-5026** | **southportcosmeticdentist.com**
- **BlueWave Dentistry**
  1300 S Dickenson Dr, Leland | **(910) 383-2615** | **bluewavedentistry.com**
- **Omni Dental**
  1132 New Pointe Blvd Unit 4, Leland | **(910) 586-3064** | **theomnidental.com**
- **Cape Fear Dental Care**
  1014 Grandiflora Dr, Leland | **(910) 371-5965** | **teethbythebeach.com**
- **Dental Care at Leland Town Center**
  3572 Leland Town Ctr Ste 140, Leland | **(910) 782-4735** | **dentalcareatlelandtowncenter.com**
- **Curley Implant & General Dentistry**
  143 Poole Rd Unit C, Leland | **(910) 463-2267** | **drcurley.dental**
- **Main Family Dental**
  110 Village Rd NE Ste A, Leland | **(910) 371-0966** | **lelandncdentist.com**

SENIOR SERVICES

Resources, connection, and care for every stage of retirement.

Brunswick County is a top destination for retirees - and with good reason. From scenic communities and accessible healthcare to active social hubs and supportive services, the area offers everything seniors need to enjoy a vibrant, independent lifestyle. Whether you're looking to stay active, find care for a loved one, or connect with others, Brunswick County Senior Services makes it easy to feel right at home.

SENIOR CENTERS

Operated by the Brunswick County Department of Aging Services, the county's four senior centers are open to adults age 60+ and provide a welcoming place to gather, learn, and thrive.

Each center offers a monthly calendar full of fitness classes (yoga, tai chi, strength training), arts and crafts, health screenings, technology training, games, day trips, and Medicare counseling - plus hot lunches through the Senior Nutrition Program.

Visit Brunswick Senior Resources, Inc at bsrinc.org for more information and schedules.

- **The Brunswick Center at Calabash**
  10050 Beach Dr SW, Calabash | **(910) 754-7427**
- **The Brunswick Center at Shallotte**
  3620 Express Dr, Shallotte | **(910) 754-2300**
- **The Brunswick Center at Supply**
  101 Stone Chimney Rd SE, Supply | **(910) 754-2300**
- **The Brunswick Center at Waccamaw**
  5841 Waccamaw School Rd NW, Ash | **(910) 286-3998**
- **Boiling Spring Lakes Senior Site**
  1 Leeds Rd, Boiling Spring Lakes | **(910) 363-0018**
- **Oak Island Senior Site**
  102 SE 47th St, Oak Island | **(910) 278-6552**
- **The Brunswick Center at Southport**
  1513 N. Howe St Suite 1, Southport | **(910) 754-7109**
- **The Brunswick Center at Leland**
  121 Town Hall Dr NE, Leland | **(910) 754-7701**

AGING SERVICES & SUPPORT

Brunswick County also offers resources beyond senior centers, including:

- **Home Delivered Meals (Meals on Wheels)**
- **In-Home Aide Services**
- **Caregiver Respite & Support Programs**
- **Transportation to Medical Appointments**
- **Advance Care Planning & Legal Aid Referrals**
- **Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP)**

For more information or to apply for services, please visit Brunswick Senior Resources, Inc at bsrinch.org or contact Brunswick County Social Services at brunswickcountync.gov.

ASSISTED LIVING, MEMORY CARE & SKILLED NURSING

- **Seniors Helping Seniors Brunswick Shores**
  197 Calabash Rd NW Unit 2, Calabash | **(910) 778-2743** | **seniorshelpingseniors.com**
- **Coastal Pointe Assisted Living**
  5220 Ocean Hwy W, Shallotte | **(910) 713-1717** | **coastalpointe.com**
- **Arbor Landing at Ocean Isle**
  5490 Arbor Branch Dr SW, Shallotte | **(910) 754-8080** | **ridgecare.com**
- **Home Instead**
  25 Union School Rd NW, Shallotte | **(910) 790-0002** | **homeinstead.com**
- **Autumn Care of Shallotte**
  237 Mulberry St, Shallotte | **(910) 754-8858** | **saberhealth.com**
- **Comfort Keepers Home Care**
  112 Pine St #5, Shallotte | **(910) 575-5700** | **comfortkeepers.com**
- **Bolivia Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center**
  1070 Old Ocean Hwy, Bolivia | **(910) 755-5955** | **boliviarehab.com**
- **The Landings of Oak Island**
  2910 Pine Plantation Pkwy, Bolivia | **(910) 406-8400** | **oakislandseniors.com**
- **No Place Like Home Caregivers**
  2592 St James Dr SE, Southport | **(910) 269-5567** | **noplacelikehomecaregivers.com**
- **TerraBella Southport**
  1125 E Leonard St, Southport | **(910) 454-4001** | **terrabellaseniorliving.com**
- **Southport Health & Rehabilitation Center**
  630 Fodale Ave, Southport | **(910) 457-9581** | **libertyhealthandrehab.com**
- **Brunswick Cove Living Center**
  1478 River Rd SE, Winnabow | **(910) 371-9894** | **brunswickcove.com**
- **Always Best Care Senior Services**
  9437 Night Harbor Dr, Leland | **(910) 213-3800** | **alwaysbestcare.com**

THINGS TO DO

Adventure awaits around every corner

Whether you're drawn to the charm of our coastal towns, the thrill of outdoor adventures, or the laid-back rhythm of small-town life, Brunswick County offers something for everyone. Explore sun-soaked beaches, scenic trails, historic sites, local festivals, golf courses, and more - all just waiting to be discovered. From sunrise paddles to sunset concerts, your perfect day is always just around the bend.

GOLF

Course	Holes	Course Par	Course Architect
Meadowlands Golf Club 1000 Meadowlands Tr, Calabash (910) 287-7529 meadowlandsgolf.com	18	72	Willard Byrd
The Pearl Golf Links 1300 Pearl Blvd, Calabash (910) 579-8132 thepearlgolf.com	27	73	Dan Maples
Crow Creek 490 S Crow Creek Dr, Calabash (910) 287-3081 crowcreekgolf.com	18	72	Rick Robbins
Brunswick Plantation Resort & Golf 380 Brunswick Dr, Calabash (910) 685-7979 brunswickplantation.com	27	72	Willard Byrd / Clyde Johnston
Oyster Bay Golf Links 614 Lakeshore Dr, Sunset Beach (910) 579-3528 legendsgolf.com/oyster-bay	18	70	Dan Maples
Sandpiper Bay Golf & Country Club 800 N. Sandpiper Club Dr, Sunset Bch (910) 579-9120 sandpiperbaygolf.com	27	71 72 71	Dan Maples
Sea Trail 75A Clubhouse Rd, Sunset Beach (910) 287-1122 seatrail.com	54	72 72 72	Rees Jones Willard Byrd Dan Maples
Thistle Golf Club 1815 Olde Thistle Club Rd, Sunset Beach (910) 444-2500 thistlegolf.com	27	71 72 72	Tim Cate

Big Cats Golf at Ocean Ridge Plantation 351 Ocean Ridge Pkwy, Ocean Isle Beach (800) 233-1801 bigcatsgolf.com	72	72 72 72 72	Tim Cate Willard Byrd Tim Cate Tim Cate
The Links at Brick Landing 1882 Goose Creek Rd SW, Ocean Isle Beach (910) 754-7600 bricklandinggolf.com	18	71	Mike Brazeal
Rivers Edge Golf Club 2000 Arnold Palmer Dr, Shallotte (910) 755-3434 playriversedgegolf.com	18	72	Arnold Palmer
Lockwood Folly Country Club 19 Clubhouse Dr, Supply (910) 842-5666 lockwoodfolly.com	18	72	Willard Byrd
Carolina National Golf Club 1643 Goley Hewett Rd, Bolivia (910) 755-5200 carolinanationalgolfclub.com	27	72	Fred Couples / Gene Bates
Oak Island Par 3 at South Harbour 4188 Vanessa Dr, Oak Island (910) 454-0905 oakislandnc.gov	18	54	-
Oak Island Golf Club 928 Caswell Beach Rd, Caswell Beach (910) 278-5275 oakislandgolf.com	18	72	George Cobb
Bald Head Island Club Bald Head Island, NC (910) 457-7310 bhiclub.net	18	72	George Cobb / Tim Cate
The Lakes Golf Club 591 South Shore Dr, Boiling Spring Lakes (910) 845-2625 thelakesgolf.com	18	72	Ed Riccoboni
Cape Fear National at Brunswick Forest 1281 Cape Fear National Dr, Leland (910) 383-3283 capefearnational.com	18	72	Tim Cate
Magnolia Greens Golf Course 1800 Tommy Jacobs Dr, Leland (910) 383-0999 magnoliagreensgolf.com	27	72	Tom Jackson

PARKS, NATURE TRAILS & OUTDOOR RECREATION

Name	Location	Actitivies
Brunswick Nature Park	2601 River Road Winnabow	Hiking, mountain biking, canoe/kayak launches, picnic pavilion
Ev-Henwood Nature Preserve	6150 Rock Creek Rd Leland	15-mile trail system, birdwatching, nature photography, forest hikes
Green Swamp Preserve	673 Green Swamp Rd Supply	Hiking, exploring Venus flytraps, rare ecosystems, birding
Leland Community Park	1490 Village Road NE Leland	Sports fields, playground, walking loop, picnic areas
Lockwood Folly District Park	430 Green Swamp Rd Supply	Sports fields, tennis courts, playground, picnic shelters, walking paths
Lowe-White Memorial Park	226 E. Leonard St Southport	Tennis, basketball court, walking trails, playground, restrooms, open lawns
Malcolm Register Park	NE 52nd St, Oak Island	Nature center, tree & butterfly trail, floating dock, fishing pier
Middleton Park	4610 E Dolphin Dr, Oak Island	Playground, splash pad, tennis & pickleball courts, picnic shelter
Mirror Lake Park	1175 Fifty Lakes Dr Boiling Spring Lakes	Swimming beach, bench swing, picnic table, and restroom facilities
Northwest District Park	1937 Andrew Jackson Hwy Leland	Multi-sport fields, tennis courts, walking paths
Ocean Isle Beach Park	6483 Old Georgetown Rd Ocean Isle Beach	Playground, tennis/pickleball courts, amphitheater, open lawns, sports fields
Ocean Isle Town Center Park	11 E. 2nd St Ocean Isle Beach	Splash pad, playground, bocce court, amphitheater, walking paths
Shallotte District Park	5550 Main St Shallotte	Football/baseball fields, trails, playground, event space
Shallotte Riverwalk	159 Cheers St | 146 Wall St Shallotte	Quarter mile boardwalk on the Shallotte River with gazebos
Smithville District Park	8340 River Road SE,Southport	Sports fields, picnic spaces, walking trails
Town Creek District Park	6420 Ocean Hwy E Winnabow	Recreational fields, playground, picnic shelters, multi-use space
Waccamaw Park	5855 Waccamaw Sch Rd, Ash	Athletic fields, open areas, picnic shelter

BOAT RAMPS

Name	Location	Features
55th Street Boat Ramp	55th St & Yacht Dr Oak Island	Two launching lanes, dock, road & 25 trailer spaces
Brick Landing Boat Ramp	1921 Bricklanding Rd Shallotte	Two launching lanes, courtesy dock, trailer parking, universally accessible
Brunswick River Park	576 River Rd Leland	Two-lane ramp, courtesy dock, 50+ trailer spaces, playground & restrooms
Dutchman Creek Park Boat Ramp	4750 Fish Factory Rd SE Southport	Three ramps, courtesy docks, 80 trailer spaces, playground, picnic area, restrooms
Holden Beach Boat Ramp	Jordan Blvd Holden Beach	Two launching lanes, 15 trailer spaces
Ocean Isle Beach Boat Ramp	67 Causeway Dr Ocean Isle Beach	Two launching lanes, courtesy dock, 58 trailer spaces
Rice Creek Boat Ramp	797 Gordon Lews Dr Winnabow	Single launching lane, courtesy dock, 10-trailer parking
Sunset Beach Boat Ramp	101 Sunset Blvd N Sunset Beach	One-lane ramp, courtesy dock, 26 trailer spots, restroom, fishing pier nearby
Sunset Harbor Boat Ramp	356 Riverview Dr Bolivia	Two lanes, courtesy dock, 33 trailer spots, disabled access, small fishing pier, canoe access

MUSEUMS & HISTORICAL SITES

Name	Location	Description
Bald Head Island Lighthouse	101 Light House Wynd, BHI oldbaldy.org	NC's oldest standing lighthouse; climbable with panoramic views and a history museum on site.
Brunswick Town / Fort Anderson	8884 St Philips Rd, Winnabow historicsites.nc.gov	Preserves colonial Brunswick Town ruins and Civil War–era Fort Anderson
Fort Johnston - Southport Museum	203 E Bay St, Southport cityofsouthport.com	Showcases the history and culture of Southport
Ingram Planetarium	7625 High Market St, Sunset Bch museumplanetarium.org	Features immersive star shows, interactive space exhibits, and a science-themed gift shop
Museum of Coastal Carolina	21 E 2nd St, Ocean Isle Beach museumplanetarium.org	Marine life exhibits, interactive learning, touch tanks, and environmental displays
North Carolina Maritime Museum	204 E Moore St, Southport ncmaritimemuseum.org	Exhibits on local nautical history, including shipwrecks, hurricanes, piracy, and boatbuilding
Oak Island Lighthouse	300 Caswell Bch Rd, Caswell Bch oakislandlighthouse.org	Built in 1958, it is one of the brightest lighthouses in the U.S. and offers seasonal tours
Old Brunswick County Jail	318 E Nash St, Southport southporthistoricalsociety.org	1904 jail building offering free seasonal tours and a look into the area's legal past
Sunset Beach Swing Bridge & Museum	109 Shoreline Dr W, Sunset Beach theoldbridge.org	Preserves the original one-lane swing bridge and shares the history of Sunset Beach through exhibits & artifacts

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Brunswick County's summer concert series brings music to every corner of the coast. These weekly events are more than just entertainment - they're cherished local traditions where families, neighbors, and visitors gather to enjoy live bands, salty breezes, and small-town charm. Whether you're dancing barefoot in the sand or relaxing under the stars, there's no better way to spend a Carolina summer evening.

Join these free, family-friendly outdoor concerts each summer. Bring your lawn chairs, pack a snack & drink and bring your dancing shoes!

Location	Day of Week	Venue	More Information
Calabash	Select Tuesdays	Calabash Community Park	townofcalabash.net
Holden Beach	Sundays	Bridgeview Park	hbtownhall.com
Oak Island	Fridays	Middleton Park	oakislandnc.gov
Ocean Isle Beach	Fridays	Town Center Park	oibgov.com
Shallotte	Thursday	Mulberry Park	townofshallotte.org
Southport	Thursdays	Franklin Square Park	cityofsouthport.com
Sunset Beach	Wednesdays	Town Park	sunsetbeachnc.gov

ANNUAL EVENTS & FESTIVALS

Brunswick County hosts a lively calendar of festivals and events throughout the year, celebrating its rich history, coastal culture, and vibrant community spirit. From seafood celebrations and arts fairs to family-friendly parades and music festivals, there's always something happening that brings locals and visitors together to enjoy food, music, art, and tradition.

Event	Location & Date	Description
Oak Island Lighthouse Run	Oak Island April	Half marathon, 10K, 5K & fun run
Days at the Docks	Holden Beach Last Weekend in April	Arts & crafts, live entertainment, and family fun events
SowderFest Music Festival	Ocean Isle Beach Early May	Free all-day music festival featuring classic rock & blues
NC 4th of July Festival	Southport July 4th	Patriotic parades, fireworks, live music, and family activities
Brunswick Agricultural Expo & Fair	Supply September	Agricultural exhibits, livestock shows, amusement rides, and live entertainment for families
Sunset at Sunset Festival	Sunset Beach October	Annual event with vendors, artisans, concerts, food trucks and children's activities
NC Oyster Festival	Ocean Isle Beach October	Celebrates local seafood with oyster shucking contests, live music, races, and arts & crafts
Festival by the Sea	Holden Beach Last weekend in October	Arts & crafts, live entertainment and family fun events
Brunswick County Intercultural Festival	Leland October	A celebration of global cultures with music, dance, food, and art
Southport Wooden Boat Show	Southport November	Showcasing classic and modern wooden boats, maritime history, and coastal culture

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKETS

Name	Address & Dates	Description
Calabash Farmers Market	868 Persimmon Rd, Calabash Wednesdays, Apr - Oct	Fresh vegetables, seafood, homemade treats, and crafts
Leland in Lights Holiday Market	113 Town Hall Dr, Leland Select Saturdays in Dec	Seasonal crafts, produce, and local gifts during the holidays
Market on Mulberry	Mulberry Park, Shallotte Various Saturdays throughout the year	Local produce, honey, baked goods, and seasonal artisan crafts
Oak Island Farmers & Artisans Market	Middleton Park, Oak Island Mondays, May - Sept	Coastal goods, food vendors, and handmade items
Southport Waterfront Market	203 E Bay St, Southport Wednesdays, Apr - Oct	Fresh produce, flowers, and local arts
Sunset Beach Waterfront Market	206 Sunset Blvd, Sunset Beach Thursdays, May - Oct	Farmers, crafters, and food trucks

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the cost of living like in Brunswick County?

Brunswick County offers a relatively affordable cost of living compared to other coastal areas. While beachfront properties carry a premium, inland and mainland communities provide more budget-friendly options without sacrificing lifestyle.

What are the property tax rates?

Property tax rates vary slightly by municipality, but Brunswick County generally has lower property tax rates than the national average. Be sure to verify the current rate with the county tax office or your PROACTIVE agent.

Do I need flood insurance?

If your home is located in a designated flood zone, your lender may require flood insurance. Even if it's not required, it may still be a smart investment. Your PROACTIVE agent can help you determine your property's flood zone.

Where are the closest airports?

Brunswick County is conveniently located near several airports. Wilmington International Airport (ILM) and Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR) are each about 30–45 minutes away and offer a range of commercial flights. For private and general aviation, Cape Fear Regional Jetport in Southport and Odell Williamson Municipal Airport in Ocean Isle Beach provide convenient local access.

Are there good schools in the area?

Brunswick County Schools serves the region with a range of elementary, middle, and high schools, along with Early College and career/technical programs. There are also private and charter school options.

What is the weather like throughout the year?

Brunswick County enjoys a mild coastal climate. Winters are short and cool, while summers are hot and humid. Expect average highs in the upper 80s in summer and lows in the 40s during winter. Hurricane season runs from June through November.

Is Brunswick County a good place to retire?

Yes - Brunswick County is consistently ranked as one of the best places to retire in North Carolina. With a variety of 55+ communities, low taxes, access to top-tier healthcare, and endless recreational options, it's ideal for retirees seeking an active coastal lifestyle.

What types of neighborhoods are available?

From gated golf course communities to historic downtowns, beachside neighborhoods, and rural acreage, Brunswick County has something for everyone. Whether you're looking for a planned development or a quiet home with space to spread out, your PROACTIVE agent can help you find the right fit.

How's the job market in the area?

While Brunswick County is popular with retirees and remote workers, it's also growing economically. Healthcare, education, construction, and tourism are key industries here, with expanding opportunities in nearby Wilmington and Myrtle Beach as well.

What internet and utility services are available?

High-speed internet is available in most areas, including fiber in some communities. Electricity is typically provided by Brunswick Electric or Duke Energy, with various providers for water, sewer, and natural gas depending on the location.

Is it easy to work remotely here?

Absolutely. Many neighborhoods are remote-work friendly, with reliable internet and peaceful surroundings. Plus, the lifestyle perks - like being close to the beach or having more space - make working from home here feel like an upgrade.

What kinds of outdoor activities are there?

Beachcombing, boating, kayaking, golfing, fishing, biking, and nature trails - you'll find it all here. Brunswick County's parks, nature preserves, and miles of coastline make it easy to enjoy the outdoors year-round.

Can you help me buy and sell at the same time?

Yes. As members of Leading Real Estate Companies of the World®, PROACTIVE can assist with both ends of your move—helping you sell your current home anywhere in the country (or world) while securing your new home here in Brunswick County. We'll coordinate the process to keep everything aligned.

How can PROACTIVE Real Estate help me?

As locals who live and work in the communities we serve, PROACTIVE Real Estate offers Hyperlocal® knowledge, full-time agents, and tailored guidance at every stage - from first visits to final walkthroughs and beyond. We're here for your entire real estate journey.

WHY PROCATIVE REAL ESTATE?

Rooted in Brunswick. Focused on you.

From the quiet creeks of Varnamtown to the fairways of St. James, and the family-friendly shores of Oak Island to the tucked-away charm of Calabash, PROACTIVE Real Estate knows Brunswick County - because we live it every day.

We're not a national chain with a coastal zip code. We're rooted here. Our team lives in these neighborhoods, volunteers at these festivals, and sends our kids to these schools. That local connection means we understand the true character of each community - from where to catch a sunrise in Sunset Beach to which neighborhoods have the shortest golf cart rides to the beach access.

At PROACTIVE, we do more than list homes - we help you discover where you belong. Whether you're drawn to the waterfront serenity of Ocean Isle Beach, the small-town warmth of Shallotte, or the active lifestyle of Leland, we bring unmatched insight into every corner of Brunswick County.

Our approach is PROACTIVE, not reactive. We anticipate your needs, communicate clearly, and use data-driven strategies to help you buy or sell with confidence. We also maintain a strong network of local inspectors, lenders, contractors, and closing attorneys to make your transition seamless.

This isn't just where we work - it's our home. And we're ready to help you find your place in it.

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LET'S MAKE YOUR MOVE HAPPEN

Moving to a new community is more than just finding a house - it's about discovering a place where you belong. Brunswick County has so much to offer, and we're excited to help you uncover the lifestyle, neighborhoods, and opportunities that fit you best.

At PROACTIVE Real Estate, we don't just guide transactions - we build relationships. Whether you're relocating from across town or across the globe, our team is ready to provide expert support, personalized service, and connections that go beyond real estate.

When you're ready to take the next step, we'll be here to make your move seamless, informed, and even enjoyable.

Your Brunswick County story starts here.

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